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Title : METHOD FOR OPERATING TRANSPARENT NODE FOR WDM
SHARED "VIRTUAL RING" NETWORKS

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 26, 2005 please amend the above-identified application as follows.

- **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.
- **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.